

## Local Items

All About Our Town And Its People

Pvt. Arthur Luhrs and Leslie Carlson of Camp Custer were week-end guests in this city.

Mrs. A. Rushford and daughter, Vivian of Lansing, were the over-Sunday guests of their son and brother, Will Rushford and wife.

Miss Florence Neval and Miss Margaret Laux, who are attending school in Grand Rapids, returned to their city Monday after spending a few days with their parents.

Miss Ethel Woodbridge was in Grand Rapids Monday on business.

Velma Tucker of Elmdale has been visiting Miss Florence Shrader. She returned home Monday.

W. Crankshaw left for Muskegon Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker were over Sunday guests in Grand Rapids. Rose Wingler left Saturday morning for Grand Rapids to see her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodbridge and Misses Ethel and Mary Woodbridge were in Grand Rapids Saturday on business.

Miss Nora Russell who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Olds returned to Baldwin Saturday morning.

See Marcia P. Ireland's For Sale adv.—Adv.

Ed. Wells of Davenport, Iowa, returned home Saturday after visiting Mrs. Sarah Guild.

Carpet sweepers for gifts. Full line regular and vacuum, prices from \$1.98 and up. Ballard-Lloyd Co.—Adv.

Newton and Wilcox Buncie of Vestaburg spent Friday night at the home of Eugene Buncie.

Loyal Buncie of Vestaburg spent Friday night at the home of Jim Thomas. Loyal, with his cousin, Wilcox and uncle, Newton Buncie each brought a load of household goods from four miles beyond Vestaburg on sleighs to the square house on Ranney street where Newton Buncie and family are to live. We will welcome them to our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins of Rives Junction visited at the home of J. M. Thomas the last part of the week. Mr. Atkins returning home Friday, while Mrs. Atkins remained a couple of days to call on old friends and neighbors. Mrs. Atkins was formerly Mrs. McIntosh.

Mrs. J. M. Thomas has just received word that her son-in-law, Alfred Anis and wife of Grand Rapids have stored their household goods and have gone to Rapid City to visit his folks for a while as he is just recovering from a severe attack of the flu and the doctor says he cannot work for several weeks and must be very careful all winter.

L. L. Rocky and daughter, Miss Grace and Mrs. Geo. H. Fish of this city were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brockway of Ionia.

See Marcia P. Ireland's For Sale adv.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron F. Brown and children who have been living on their farm north and east of this city for a few years, on Saturday moved into their city home on Hanover street, where they will be at home for the winter.

Born, on Friday, November 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Gould an eight pound daughter, who will answer to the name of Mabel Eileen. Dr. Dutt who assisted the stork in his visit, reports all connected with the event as doing nicely.

John Rossman was a Greenville visitor Saturday afternoon.

Elizabeth Norton is reported as quite ill with influenza.

Riley Heald of Camp Merriett, N. J., paid a short visit to relatives and friends in Belding and Greenville, leaving Tuesday to return to Camp Merriett.

Robert Grow and family are on the sick list.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will meet with Mrs. D. M. Hogan, 311 West Ellis avenue, Tuesday, December 17. All members are requested to be present.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gillett at their home, 1410 West Ottawa street, Lansing, a girl, Darline Marguerite. The mother was formerly Miss Cora E. Miner of Belding and the father is in active service overseas, having gone across with the 85th division.

Mrs. Theo Kiskey, Mrs. Edward McHale and Florence Waite were in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

Wortley & French have found a new cure for dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair—Parisian Sage. Even the first application will help you, and in a week the hair will stop falling out.—Advertisement.

"H. C. H.", "Liberty" and "Black Seal" cigars will please you. Try them.—Adv.

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## MURRAY LAKE

Roy Haines of the U. S. S. Michigan arrived home on an eight day furlough Monday evening.

John Andrews returned to jury duty in Grand Rapids Monday.

Dell and Will Condon returned on Saturday night from attending the stock show in Chicago last week.

Frank Bachelor and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Weeks Sunday.

John Andrews and daughter, Helen, Meadams Roy Ford and Will Engle spent Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. J. D. Frost is ill with flu. Will Engle entertained his uncle, Ed. Straub of Sherman City Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Helen Andrews spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Evelyn Howard of Lowell.

Mrs. Susan Sayles returned home Sunday after spending a week with Gordon Frost and wife.

## ORLEANS

Jay Olmstead sold his barber shop fixtures and rented the room to Charles Cornwell of Sidney who will gladly welcome Mr. Olmstead's customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Face spent Sunday with his brother, Arba and wife of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Alice Ross of Ionia and Clara Fales of Belding spent part of last week visiting and calling on relatives and friends here.

Let every member, old and new, come and have a good time meeting.

The following is program for Orleans Farmers' club which will be held at Maccabee and Gleason hall Thursday, Dec. 19: Song, "America" by club; reading, Mrs. Emma Woodbridge; question, "Owing to the fact that the south and west have found out they can grow abundant agricultural crops, will it not prove disastrous for the northern farmer now that the war is over?" Leader, Gus Flanagan and J. M. York; instrumental music, Mrs. Clark Palmer, Mrs. Morris Clements; paper, "Woman's usefulness in the upbuilding of the nation," Mrs. Easterbrooks; current events, Louis Hall; song, Mrs. Joel Palmer; question box, Clyde Beach; song by club, "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean." Election of officers.

Gentlemen will serve dinner at noon.

Raymond Noddins who has been in training camp at Waco, Tex., returned home Tuesday with his discharge papers and expects to remain here till about Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowley spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Chris Nelson of Easton.

Assa Beadle of Ewart came Saturday to attend the funeral for his niece, Mrs. Mary Christensen Stebbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Treynor were Sunday guests of her aunt, Mrs. Will Parker of Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Palmer and Mrs. Nora Palmer and Lyle Clark were guests of Ionia friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Olmstead and Clifford Holland went to Fenwick on Tuesday.

Mrs. Delia Spaulding and Miss Jennie Crippen left Thursday to spend the winter with the former's son, Jerry and family.

Mrs. Fred Bennett was called to Greenville Wednesday to see her daughter, Mrs. John Duffey who is seriously ill of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Decker were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Face Sunday and Mrs. Decker remained to care for her mother, Mrs. Geo. Hill who is ill.

Again within a week the grim reaper visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Christiansen and they mourn the loss of their oldest daughter, Mary Christiansen Stebbins, from pneumonia following influenza. She came home to help care for the mother and baby and was taken sick Friday morning, Nov. 29 and passed away Thursday at 5 a. m., Dec. 5. She was a bright, cheery disposition always meeting her friends with a smile and a pleasant word and she will be missed by a large circle of friends. She leaves to mourn her early death her husband, Pvt. Will Stebbins, "somewhere in France," her father, mother, two sisters, Mrs. Earl Gladding and Miss Huldah and two brothers, Justus and Arthur, besides a host of near relatives and friends. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved friends in their double sorrow. Funeral services were held in Saranac, Rev. Birdsall of Orleans officiating. Interment in Saranac cemetery.

Mrs. Minnie Gatas was an Ionia visitor Monday.

## BARTONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kohn spent several days last week in Lansing as delegates to the Farmers' club convention.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Norton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hoppough of Orleans.

Royal Davis commenced work in Belding Monday morning.

C. E. Bowen and family were the guests of Mrs. F. J. Richmond last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor have moved to their new home on Smoky Row.

Matt Kohn returned to his home Saturday after a week's stay at the home of his brother, Peter.

Glenn Bakeman of Belding enjoyed Sunday at the home of Glenn Lee.

## OTISCO ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Werner visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Moon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sykes of Easton visited Sunday with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leslie Sykes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cartridge of Eureka, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and children of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. L. Cartridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves and two children of Orleans visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reeves. E. J. Reeves and family were callers there.

Raula Rising came from Camp Custer Saturday night to visit over Sunday with his wife at the home of her parents, W. C. Fisk.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown visited at Fred Deitz's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morse went to Blanchard Saturday for a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Fox.

Mrs. E. J. Reeves and son, Howard, visited Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hubbard.

## BRINK

Herb Regan and daughter, Iva, were callers at Hite Eckert's Sunday.

Miss Lydia Towne returned to her work Saturday after a case of the flu. Her brother Herbert is better from a bad spell of flu.

Mrs. Chris Choate was a caller at Mrs. M. L. Howe's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Hazel Snow and Chas. Hathway of Alma were callers on Mrs. Milo Towne Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kilburn spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Cooper wishes to thank the East Otisco Farmers' club for the nice flowers received.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Snow of Ronald visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick from Thursday till Sunday. Mrs. Albert Northway returned home Saturday from caring for Mrs. Will Krick.

Lee Numer has sold his farm to Ernest Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson and daughter, Helen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warner of Belding after church Sunday. On Tuesday they started on their trip to Florida. They will first visit friends and relatives in Detroit and then to

Washington to visit Mrs. Wilson's cousin, Clay Tallman and family for awhile then to Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cowen and husband of Grand Rapids will go to Florida next week for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer of Fairplains visited his daughter, Mrs. Herb Regan and family Sunday and called on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snow in the afternoon.

Dan Skellenger of Belding was a caller at W. E. Leach's Wednesday afternoon.

Jim Young was called to the bedside of his daughter at Millbrook on Thursday. She had the flu and pneumonia set in and she died Sunday morning. She was 17 years old and a niece of Mrs. W. E. Leach.

Wid Howie and Mrs. Lena Goff were callers at Mrs. W. E. Leach's Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Wednesday and Mrs. Anderson and son, Roy J., stayed until Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach called on Mr. and Mrs. Herb Regan Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. M. Phillips and grandson have gone to Belding to spend the winter with her son, Frank and fam-

ily. Sunday all spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brink and daughter, Olive visited Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hanks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Orth went to Flint Monday to work.

Mrs. Emory Chickering visited Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kohn Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. Chickering visited Mrs. Emory Chickering Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harl Eckert and Don Cooper of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper Sunday.

## County Maccabees at Belding.

The Ionia county Maccabee association met in Oddfellow hall Friday, Dec. 6 at 10 a. m.

Song, "America."

Address of welcome, given by Co. Com., Mrs. F. D. Curtis, who is also supervising deputy.

Initiation of candidate, Lady L. V. Silver.

Draping the charter for four members who died since last meeting.

A delicious chicken pie dinner was served in the city hall by the Green's church aid, and at 1:30 p. m. at Oddfellow hall unfinished business.

Song, by Mrs. Caverly in costume and brogue: encore.

Patriotic duet by Ladies Harris and Rider, "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground."

Darkey dialogue, Ladies Kempler and Caverly.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning," Mrs. Lida Harris of Ionia.

Recitation, "Aboard the Ship of Fate."

A farce by the Smyrna ladies, Mrs. Nellie Cowles, Lottie Compton, Maggie Olds, Melvina Gardner.

Reading, Mrs. Rider of Ionia.

Recitation, Lady Dollie of Greenville.

Mrs. Harriett Williamson of Grand Rapids was unable to be present. In her place Mrs. F. D. Curtis spoke.

Mrs. M. E. H. Coville was present and greeted each of the officers.

The next regular meeting will be held in February at Ionia at which a school of instruction will be given.

## PARNELL

Miss Frances Sullivan spent a few days in Grand Rapids during the past week.

Miss Marie Bromahan is home, her school having closed on account of the influenza.

Funeral services for Katharine Malone who died of the influenza, took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## School Notes

Many students have returned to school again after having the flu. Florence Neval visited high school Monday.

The members of the different classes have agreed to pay for the chairs for the new hall provided by the school board for class parties and entertainments.

Miss Blakink—Chas. I. sent a fleet to help France. What happened to it, Ruth?

Ruth N.—It died of disease.

Friday morning the delegates of the Y. M. C. A. conference will tell of their experiences while at Jackson.

Do you know what "The Light in the Clearing" means?

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

At the Store for Men

## A Suit or an Overcoat Makes an Excellent Christmas Gift

Many of our young men are expected home from overseas and cantonments before Christmas and in most instances they will be unable to wear the civilian clothes they left behind.

A suit or overcoat, recognized as the most practical of gifts, will be sure to meet the approval of every recipient.

If you're not sure of the size, a merchandise certificate issued in any amount and redeemable at any time, will enable the recipient to select just what they desire at any time they return.



Today as never before the Peal of Christmas bells brings joy to the hearts of the people of this world and more than ever will people appreciate the receipt of useful gifts,

Today the spirit of Christmas abounds in the merchandise at this, "The Store for Men". Almost every article you find here bears the stamp of character—quality in the fullest measure for the amount expended. You can shop here in the fullest confidence that our name on your purchase will meet the approval of the most critical.

This store today is filled with merchandise that's fresh and clean, and the values typical of other holiday season.

By buying now you can secure the advantage of selection and better service, a condition hardly possible when the store is crowded with late shoppers.

## Underwear for Santa Claus

Right now, when the winter is at its worst, good warm underwear is appreciated more than at any other time.

Your men friends may not be playing Santa Claus but they want to stay warm and comfortable these cold days and a suit of the fine texture perfect fitting underwear we are showing will give much comfort and bring pleasant memories.

Union or two-piece garments.

\$1.25 \$2 \$3 \$5 \$7



## Shirts an Excellent Gift

Among the many useful and pleasing gifts for men are Silk, Madras and Percal shirts.

Our stock was selected with the view of giving the best possible value and the range of patterns is ample to meet the most exacting taste.

\$1 \$2 \$3 \$5



Don't forget to include War Savings Stamps in your Christmas List.

## Silk Mufflers

Now as never before, a Silk Muffler insures protection for the immaculate collar and every man fully appreciates their value.

Our showing of beautiful Silk Mufflers, many with silk fringe, are now shown in an excellent assortment of colors and in many different grades.

\$1, \$2, \$3, \$4



## Men Desire Handkerchiefs

The habit of giving handkerchiefs as Christmas gifts is so universal that every man expects to receive them.

We're showing a large assortment of crisp, snowy white, hem-stitched handkerchiefs—many in pure Irish linen—that were purchased months ago and are now priced accordingly.

Initial, Plain or Fancy  
15c 25c 50c



## Quality Neckwear

The selection and values in our Christmas showing of neckwear is exceptional even for us. Larger variety of patterns, wider range of values and greater assortment of shapes.

25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50

## A Boy's Suit Is Just the Thing

Gladden the boy's heart with a new suit for Christmas. If you come here you can be certain of one thing and that is the quality of the suit you buy. They're made from the best wearing fabrics and in the new military styles so much in vogue now.

\$7.50 \$9 \$10 \$12



Send a merchandise certificate overseas. It will be much appreciated now and useful when the boy returns.

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